

## CHRISTOPHER LEE HAGE

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### ATTORNEY

Accomplished, meticulously prepared, and creative lawyer and public servant with advanced knowledge in public policy and the legislative process and a passion for environmental conservation. Technical expertise includes a civil engineering degree with an emphasis in environmental subjects and an environmental law certificate. Administrative experience includes managing prosecution teams, administering a large commission with full-time staff, and responsibility for numerous state and local political entities. Skillfully directed and/or cross-examined numerous witnesses, including law enforcement professionals, business owners, and victims of crime with a proven track record assessing, negotiating, and trying complicated cases.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, San Francisco, California • 2017 – Present**

##### **Assistant Regional Counsel**

Litigate employment disputes before the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, the Merit Systems Protection Bureau, state unemployment boards, and in Federal District Court. Represent the federal government in appeals from Administrative Law decisions regarding disability benefits. Arbitrate disputes between agency managers and union employees.

#### **KATHRYN L. HARRY & ASSOCIATES, PC, Oak Brook, Illinois • 2009 – 2017**

##### **Associate**

Represented private clients in misdemeanor and felony criminal, traffic, ordinance violations, expungements, domestic relations, and juvenile justice matters in every courthouse in Chicago and northeastern Illinois. Argued motions, conducted discovery, and negotiated pleas. Advised criminal and civil clients in legal matters before federal and state courts as well as the Illinois Secretary of State and municipal hearing officers. Proposed and testified on legislation that arose from experiences in the criminal courts.

#### **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, Chicago, Illinois • 2015**

##### **Chief of Real Estate Prosecutions**

Managed and trained a five prosecutor team and ancillary staff members responsible for the discipline of all Illinois professional licenses for real estate brokers, managing brokers, appraisers, home inspectors, community association managers, and auctioneers. Collaborated with public board members, the Secretary of the Department, agency general counsel, and staff investigators to implement policy, triage caseload, and finalize agency action. Approved charges, reviewed discovery, and conducted hearings before the agency's administrative law judges. Managed the audit of the entire appraiser regulation program by the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council and secured approval for the Illinois program. Streamlined procedures and reduced case backlog for all professions in the Real Estate division. Coordinated with staff on the agency's legislative agenda for submission to the Governor of Illinois.

#### **DUPAGE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION, Wheaton, Illinois • 2012 – 2015**

##### **Vice Chairman**

Oversaw and managed budget, staff, and policy as an officer of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court for the second largest election commission in the State of Illinois with an annual budget of \$4.2 million, 24 full-time employees, and up to 1,800 part time employees. Regulated the administration of primary and general elections for nearly one million people. Heard challenges to candidacies subject to the review of the Circuit Court with a perfect record on appeal. Supervised the purchasing of equipment and the execution of contracts for rentals and professional services.

#### **OFFICE OF THE DUPAGE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, Wheaton, Illinois • 1998 – 2008**

Prosecutorial career spanning a decade in all divisions: Civil, Traffic, Misdemeanor, and Felony.

##### **Felony Trial Division • 2007 – 2008**

Prosecuted felony cases as part of two different three-attorney teams. Tried or handled hundreds of cases including aggravated batteries, controlled substances, robberies, thefts, and driving under the influence. Coordinated charges with law enforcement, obtained grand jury indictments when appropriate and approved warrant applications. Directed, cross-examined, or tried cases to verdict on matters of DNA;

controlled substance identification; blood, breath, and urine analysis; as well as bankruptcy and accounting principles.

**Juvenile Trial Division • 2002 – 2004**

Prosecuted felonies and misdemeanors as part of a two attorney team. Tried or otherwise resolved hundreds of cases including burglaries, controlled substances, batteries, and thefts.

**Misdemeanor Trial Division • 2000 – 2001**

Prosecuted misdemeanor cases as part of a two attorney team. Conducted hundreds of hearings and trials in the busiest misdemeanor courtroom in the county. Directed and cross-examined law enforcement and civilian witnesses in complex trials involving chemical tests and audio and video evidence.

**Child Support Division • 1998 – 2000**

Responsible for prosecuting parentage and child support cases for the benefit of custodial parents and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Managed the discovery process and conducted hearings for hundreds of clients pertaining to family law disputes. Collected millions of dollars in child support funds for disadvantaged parents. Formulated and testified in support of legislation that improved and protected child support collection. Named Civil Attorney of the Year for 2000.

**SENATE REPUBLICAN STAFF, Springfield, Illinois • 2004 – 2005**

**Legal Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee**

Researched legislation and wrote analysis of same for the Republican Senatorial Caucus. Briefed Senators for committee hearings and staffed every Judiciary Committee meeting for a two year period in both Springfield and Chicago, Illinois. Wrote legislation, constituent letters, and legal memoranda on high profile and sensitive subject matter including: medical malpractice reform, judicial subcircuits, racial profiling, and the laws of incorporation. Worked with Democratic and Republican Senators, partisan staff, public interest groups, outside counsel, and lobbyists on all aspects of the legislative process. Responsible for analysis and amendments for every piece of legislation on the operation of the courts, domestic relations law, and corporate law that was proposed or debated during my tenure.

**GOULD & ASSOCIATES, Chicago, Illinois • Summer 1998**

**Attorney**

Researched and wrote motions for summary judgment, complaints, stipulations, and legal memoranda on topics of commercial litigation, including contract, fraud, business torts, and unfair competition law. Appeared in court on several occasions for motions and status hearings and advised clients on various matters.

**BULLARO, CARTON & STONE, Chicago, Illinois • 1996 – 1998**

**Law Clerk/Attorney**

Researched and litigated insurance defense and probate topics, including civil procedure, civil liability, and borrowed servant law. Reviewed medical records, depositions, and various discovery materials in preparation for trial.

**COMDISCO, Rosemont, Illinois • Fall 1996**

**Legal Extern**

Researched and wrote legal memoranda on topics of commercial litigation, including contract, trademark, and copyright law.

**LEE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, Dixon, Illinois • Summer 1995**

**Legal Intern**

Interviewed clients and aided in court preparation. Researched civil and criminal law and filed motions.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**FEDERALIST SOCIETY FOR LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**Silicon Valley Lawyers Chapter President and Board Member • 2016 – Present**

**Chicago Lawyers Chapter President and Board Member • 1995 – 2015**

Organize numerous legal presentations and debates by noted experts benefitting law students and attorneys for continuing legal education and general education on a variety of controversial topics. Showcased legal experts have included two Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet Secretaries, White House Counsels, Illinois Appellate and Circuit Judges, Law Professors, and expert litigators from across the country.

**PUBLIUS LEX FOUNDATION****Executive Director • 2018**

Assisting with the launch of a non-profit public interest litigation organization focused on First Amendment issues.

**H FOUNDATION, LaGrange, Illinois****Board Member • 2010 – 2017**

Raised money, secured volunteer services, prizes, and auction items, and organized annual events for cancer charity benefitting basic science research at the Robert Lurie Cancer Center, Northwestern University Hospital. Annual dinner and auction raises more than \$600,000 for a total H Foundation contribution exceeding \$5.5 million which has resulted in \$35 million in additional research funding.

**DUPAGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, Wheaton, Illinois****Vice Chairman of the Local Governments Committee • 2014 – 2015**

Organized committee meetings and continuing legal education opportunities for bar association colleagues. Performed in annual Judges' Nite musical comedy show raising funds for legal aid.

**EDUCATION/CREDENTIALS**

Juris Doctor, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois 1997

Environmental Law Certificate

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1994

Environmental Emphasis

Admitted to the California Bar and the United States District Court, Central District of California 2016

Admitted to Illinois Bar and the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois 1997

**PUBLICATIONS/APPEARANCES**

- A Recent History of Medical Malpractice and Civil Justice Reform in Illinois: The Five Year Wait for the Supreme Court to Decide the Fate of Reform in *LeBron v. Gottlieb Memorial Hospital*  
(<http://www.fed-soc.org/publications/detail/state-court-docket-watch-spring-2010>)

- The Illinois Supreme Court: Judicial Activism, With Limits, contribution credit  
(<http://www.fed-soc.org/publications/detail/the-illinois-supreme-court-judicial-activism-with-limits>)

- Trial and Error: The Outcome of the Rod Blagojevich Trial, television interview  
Naperville Channel 17; August 20, 2010  
(<http://www.nctv17.com/trial-and-error/>)

- Political Shootout (with Host Tom Roeser and State Rep. Jack Franks)  
WLS AM 890; June 7, 2009

- At Issue: Civil Liberties Post 9-11 (with Host Craig Dellimore and Colleen Connell, ACLU)  
WBBM AM 780; April 25, 2004